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AND THERE ARE CLEARING SKIES

The sky is clearing and there are promises in the rainbow which now is manifest in the American-German sky. The great diplomatic game in which President Wilson of the United States and the Kaiser of the German Empire are the players, shows great progress. Antagonists yesterday, it is now foretold that they may be allies tomorrow— allies not in war, but allies to bring peace to the world and to do so to establish a principle in international law, the doctrine for which both governments have stood so long—the freedom of the seas.

From present indications it appears that by careful maneuvering on both sides a situation has at length been reached for which both players were arriving from the beginning. It is a situation that made it possible for Germany immediately to modify its submarine policy so as to meet the view of the United States on the one hand. On the other hand it enables the United States to do without embarrassment or danger of military shooting, two things it has been any time to do. It can insist that King and his government agree to respect the rights of neutrals on the high seas. And in doing so it can offer its services as an intermediary between the British and German governments—services that it is hoped, may be so valuable that they will mark the beginning of the end of the war.

From the very beginning of our troubles with both the British and German governments on account of their ruthless sea policies, President Wilson has been working toward just such a situation as apparently has now been reached. From the outbreak of the war he has hoped that conditions might become such that the United States could serve as an agency to help restore peace to the world. In working toward these ends the president has been utilized at the same time to stand resolutely and undeniably for the rights of neutrals, and to do so under circumstances that seemed to threaten disaster to all his hopes to be pacificated. They have seemed safe to him, indeed, to threaten the program on which his whole heart is set while preserving American rights and American honor to keep the United States out of the war. While he has been dealing with this great problem probably the most difficult and momentous that ever faced the patience and courage and wisdom of an American president. Mr. Wilson has been obliged to submit to a variety of domestic criticism that must have been particularly trying to one giving his entire being unselfishly to the service and welfare of his country, but of the world. But he has never hesitated, never wavered, never, apparently doubted. He has held resolutely to his course. Not even the threatened resignation of his secretary of state could induce him to depart, by so much as a hair's breadth, from the policy he had marked out for himself. He allowed Mr. Bryan to depart while he himself kept grimly on.

There is nothing so uncertain as diplomacy. There is nothing so dangerous as a war in which half the world is engaged. The skies that seem today to be clearing may on a near tomorrow be black again. The dangers from which this country seems now to be emerging may return to envelop us with deadly menace. But we may thank God for the day. We may rejoice that right now the prospect is more promising than it has been for many a long month, more promising than many of us a month ago deemed possible. We may unite a hundred million citizens as one in the hope and the prayer that success, indeed, if it is not only saved us from war, if it not only vindicated our rights as neutrals against specific assaults and outrages, but if it paved the way to peace on terms that forever after would guarantee safety to neutral ships and neutral people carrying on their legitimate business on the high seas in time of war the same as in time of peace. It would be such a victory as would class Woodrow Wilson among the immortals.

WILSON'S BLOODY VICTORY

President Wilson has achieved an other great victory—and that without bloodshed—a victory of peace.

The very sharp and critical differences long existing between the American and the German governments have, through his efforts, reached the stage where they can be satisfactorily

settled by diplomacy, and the settlement will involve recognition of the rights and principles for which the American government has contended. This is a decided rebuff to the noisy Teddy, who has been shaking his saber at President Wilson and clamoring for bloody "goods," not "words." Behold the "dead."

It is not a deed dripping with gore. It is not one accomplished amid the roar of cannon and the groans of dying men. But it is, apparently, the identical deed which to such a hellish accompaniment Colonel Roosevelt was clamoring to have consummated.

Berlin had assured Washington that if it is disclosed that the Arabic was sunk without warning, "full satisfaction" and not merely disclaimer and expression of regret, will be given the American government. It was further stated that a submarine policy satisfactory to the United States will be announced by Germany. Since reparation is promised if the Arabic was sunk without warning, and since the Arabic was a British merchantman principally engaged in the business of carrying munitions of war from the United States to England, the conclusion can only be that Germany is prepared to announce that not even English ships engaged in the contraband traffic will be sunk without warning at the end of danger to the trees of American citizens.

As Germany indeed goes that far to placate American sentiment and to preserve the long-standing friendly relations between the two countries, the imperial government has gone a great deal further than many thoughtful students of the situation believed possible at the beginning of the controversy. And it is very safe to say that Germany plotted to recover and to calm and firm but polite ministers a great deal more than it would have yielded to the saber rattling and angry and provocative threats that would have emanated from Washington had Theodore Roosevelt rather than Woodrow Wilson occupied the White house.

Mr. Roosevelt, as president, could have easily avoided this country in the war and doubtless we think he would have done so. Mr. Wilson, as president, bids fair to accomplish without war all that Mr. Roosevelt, with war, would have failed utterly to gain. For, with war between this country and Germany declared, what safer could then have been assured to American citizens on the high seas, whether in English vessels or our own? If American participation in the war were to have been any thing but a farce it would have involved the sinking of many ships, the expenditure of no one can say how many hundred million dollars, the loss of thousands, possibly hundreds of thousands of American lives, before a single victory could have been gained for American rights as substantial as that which Woodrow Wilson has gained by the methods of peace and reason which Mr. Roosevelt has so ably demonstrated as farable.

Conquering what is with what might have been, the American people have cause to congratulate themselves on their good luck as well as their good sense when they selected Mr. Roosevelt and chose Mr. Wilson for their chief executive in the election of 1912.

STILL TREMBLING ABOUT THE TARIFF

If you want to be convinced that there will be another effort by the Republican party to re-establish a high protective tariff, all that you need to do is to make a trip to the East. While he has been dealing with this great problem probably the most difficult and momentous that ever faced the patience and courage and wisdom of an American president. Mr. Wilson has been obliged to submit to a variety of domestic criticism that must have been particularly trying to one giving his entire being unselfishly to the service and welfare of his country, but of the world. But he has never hesitated, never wavered, never, apparently doubted. He has held resolutely to his course. Not even the threatened resignation of his secretary of state could induce him to depart, by so much as a hair's breadth, from the policy he had marked out for himself. He allowed Mr. Bryan to depart while he himself kept grimly on.

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Here is a News-Press political story that we can all endorse and sanction:

"Once when Roosevelt was president," said former President Taft in a recent speech in California. "Jim Campbell, a political power in New York, called upon Mr. Roosevelt and suggested some executive action. That would be contrary to the constitution," said Mr. Roosevelt. "What is hell is the constitution among friends," concluded Mr. Taft. "I am not so sure that Mr. Roosevelt in late years has not inclined somewhat to Mr. Campbell's way of thinking."

In the death of Senator M. G. Moran St. Joseph and the state loses a man who was a most remarkable figure. He was a man who was the embodiment of honesty, and had the courage of his convictions. As a scholar and orator he ranked with the best, and as a social entertainer he was not to be surpassed.

It is something to involve a great country like the United States in war—and it is quite another and a better thing to accomplish the same result with honor, and through peaceful means—as President Wilson has done—and noisy Teddy would not have done.

The attention of those narrow-minded soured Americans who are continually "seeing" where the Germans in this country are "secretly arming," etc., is invited to the article published in the National Zeitung of Berlin in which it pays deserved tribute to President Wilson.

The point to which the Japs would like to get is the effect that they desire to assist in the sacred cause of civilization, in view of their thriving proprieities and achievements, classing them as they should be—a dirty lot of twat-faced little thieves.

If many more new commissions are created and many more "experts" appointed at good salaries, we will soon have all commissions and all experts, and no people left for them to inspect.

Lulu Root wants to be the Republican nominee for president. There is no Republican in the United States that can be more easily trimmed, and we hope he will get in while the signs to him are propitious.

There are going to be some Democratic difficulties in this good old city next month. Speaker Champ Clark and a number of other great Missouri Democrats are coming here and there is going to be a warm time.

How about modifying Philander Clanton's idea of a ten-million dollar peace university to a movement to teach children to use other pincushions besides toy cannons, soldiers and swords?

Remember Edna Best, just can't keep his name off the front page of many of the country's papers. This is the first time she resulted in public notice, but even sterner than the White house steps.

People have done their full share this season in the building the democratic conditions as the records of the building department disclose. A building boom next season is a certainty.

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In Oregon the farmers are fighting forest fires, and in Nebraska the farmers are fearing frost. To an unusual country, indeed.

Teddy the noisy don't like Herby Hadley, the ex-Kansas governor of Missouri—and we can't blame him.

Now is the time for all St. Joseph people to pull for the success of the Fashion Show now coming on.

That Babler will be here next Tuesday, and then the Republicans will carry Missouri—for that day.

So far the Democratic administration has disclosed that it is a safe proposition to tie to.

No, the Big river has not been, of late the home of the wellknown big wood Gazette.

Hearing of frost, the hayfever contingent united in one grand sneeze of approval.

For the first time in our memory, a straw hat in August had a strange sad look.

Of course you are now satisfied that President Wilson knew what he was doing.

How are you going to vote on the bond proposition? Are you for or against?

And now Carranza is going to drag Guatemala into the imbroglio.

Ten thousands Johnsons in Chicago. And Jack is away from home.

The ice bill crop is a failure, but the coal bill yield is promising.

Does the 1916 model oyster, we come this week, have a pearl?

Absence makes the heart grow fonder, Mr. Jack Frost.

And the Morris plant is also being charged.

It has been a hard summer on char ice funds.

The baseball season is on third base.

The F-4 was in reality a "Davy Jones' Locker."

Who submarined the English pound?

Ho, the oyster!

Sayings of Missouri Editors

And to Add to Troubles—

As if we didn't have race troubles enough, here comes Hattie following the flag. —Kansan City Times

And They Don't Want to

Of over a million people 800 are bad and the other 999,200 minor see their own faults. —Dennett Sentinel

Would Make an Ideal Resort

Galveston, Texas, ought to be selected as the permanent campus grounds for the Baptists of America. —Baptist Standard

Ship Them Out at Once

In case of hostilities Colonel Resor and Frank P. Walsh should be mobilized at once. —Nodaway Democrat

It is Time to Change

If the Grand Duke's strategy is based on the belief that the Germans won't follow up their advantages he had better change his strategy. —St. Louis Times

No Use to Try

The Republicans of the Third congressional district will meet at St. Joseph on Sept. 7 for a conference. No one follows, it's going to be Democratic again. —Cameron Sun

The Shoe is on the Other Foot

It is the same big nation trying now to make the Balkan states fit that have talked so much in past days about the turbulent Balkans. —Panama City Times

This is Sound Logic

If we should have war with Germany we would have to send our soldiers to Europe. German soldiers could not come to this country without passing through a long line of British gunboats. —Platte City Landmark

The Reformer's Work

"Old Man Doodle says that the general formula for being a reformer is to make people stop whatever they are doing, and if they are not doing anything, make them do it." —Macon Times-Democrat

The Stinginess of J. Ogden

At a cost of sixty-five thousand dollars J. Ogden Armour has built a brick wall ten feet high along the railroad

which runs through his farm, to prevent passengers from seeing his farm. The stingy old devil. —Liberty Advance.

Billy Wants the Stuff

Billy Sunday offered to accept the Christian Endeavor Society's invitation to address its Chicago convention provided it would furnish a special train to take his party from New York. Billy is rapidly attaining that state of mind that needs a hard bump. —Boleker Herald.

Those Awful Ravenvwood Girls

Warning. There are a few girls from other towns, that had better be careful how they conduct themselves during the picnic. The officers have been instructed therefore to make sure that they do not eat your breakfast with a knife and fork. —Ravenwood Bulletin.

Should Call the Police

We see where an Illinois girl whipped a man who kissed her twice on the nose. We don't blame her one bit. Any sanguine that can't kiss straighter than that was either drunk or it was the first time he ever tried it. And either addiction was enough to make any pretty girl call a policeman. —Linneus Bulletin.

Where is Holy Joe?

Last, strayed or stolen. One Jim W. Folk last heard of him, he was in Washington, looking for another job with a better salary attachment than any of the other jobs his friend Wm. J. Bryan secured for him in consideration of his treasury to Missouri's candidate for President, Champ Clark. Many thousand stalwart Missouri Democrats will pay a reward if he is allowed to remain strayed or stolen. —Booneville Advertiser.

Should Send Better Men

Every county in the state should endeavor to send better broader and more capable men to the state legislature. "Sticky" Seymour during a session of the last legislature walked in where the house was in session and after surveying the countenances of all, remarked that if he were looking for intelligence, he would go to the penitentiary. —Sturgeon Leader.

Jitney Owners Holding the Bag

It looks like a lot of credulous men to Kansas City, who invested their money in second hand automobiles and started out in the jitney business are holding the bag. The Kansas City Star a few months ago was filled to overflowing with jitney doings. Having an ancient grudge against the street railway company to feed fat, and the hunger for sensationalism which bordered on yellow journalism, the Star worked the jitney enterprise to the limit. The jitneys have run their course like all the Star sensations. There was nothing permanent about them. The real sufferers are many men of little means who were credulous enough to think there was something permanent in the business and who have left on their hands these junk autos they bought to a jitney. —Henry County Democrat.

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